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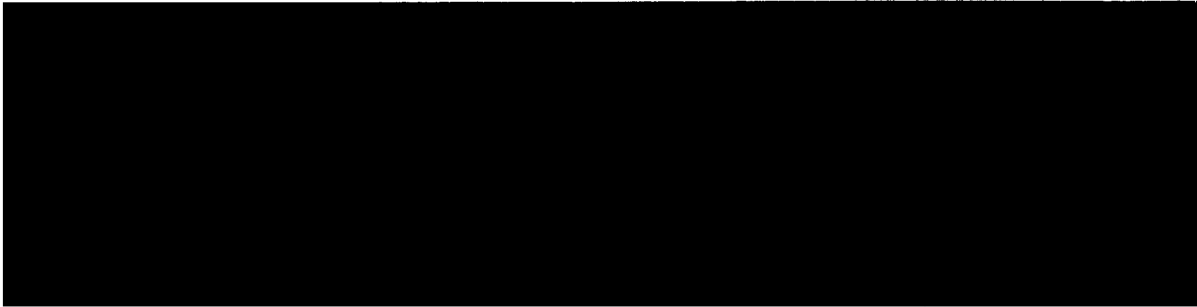
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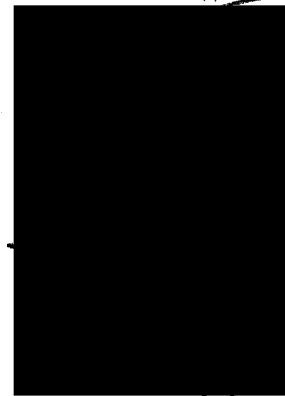
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THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM KOREA.

The world public circles brand with shame the crimes perpetrated by the American interventionists in Korea.

All honest people demand the immediate cessation of American aggression, cessation of brutal bombings of peaceful Korean population and the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.

MESSAGE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

The Women's International Democratic Federation has published a message to the United Nations Security Council, which reads:

"On behalf of eighty million women of fifty-nine countries, the Women's International Democratic Federation declares that it resolutely condemns the United States aggression in Korea. Women affiliated with the Federation consider it to be the sacred right of all nations to settle their destinies themselves, according to their will and desire. United States aggression in Korea constitutes a crass violation of this legitimate right. The United States government cynically and with impunity is trampling underfoot the principle of 'equality for nations, big and small' solemnly proclaimed in the United Nations charter.

The Women's International Democratic Federation expresses its indignation at the atrocities committed by American troops in Korea; at savage bombings by American aircraft of the peaceful and defenceless population, children, old folk and women in towns and the countryside, at deliberate destruction by fire of entire villages and mass extermination of the peaceful population by retreating American troops.

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These acts constitute a crime not only against the Korean people, but against entire mankind.

The Women's International Democratic Federation is deeply indignant at the fact that both this criminal aggression and the Americans' disgraceful atrocities in Korea are masked by the United Nations flag. On behalf of eighty million women and mothers of fifty-nine countries and expressing their will, the Women's International Democratic Federation demands the immediate termination of war and the withdrawal of all foreign troops.

Let the Korean people decide their destiny for themselves. They have just as legitimate a right to do so as any other nation of the world. The Women's International Democratic Federation urges the Security Council that it should return to the principles proclaimed in the United Nations Charter. Guided by these principles the Security Council as an agency called upon to maintain peace and security throughout the world, can and must put an end to the sanguinary crimes in Korea".

The message is signed by Marie Claud Veillant Couturier, Secretary General of the Women's International Democratic Federation.

Message of the Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Women
to the United Nations Security Council.

The Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Women has sent the following telegram to the United Nations Security Council:

"United Nations Security Council, Lake Success, New York.

"The Anti-Fascist Committee of Soviet Women, expressing the will of millions of women of the Soviet Union condemns American aggression in Korea and declares its profound indignation at the criminal actions of the government of the United States of America on whose order innocent Korean women and children are being murdered, peaceful towns and villages are being devastated and burned, and hundreds of thousands of families are left homeless.

Trampling underfoot all standards of international law, the American imperialist aggressors are encroaching upon the freedom and independence of the Korean people. By force of arms, they wish to turn Korea into their colony and make her courageous sons and daughters their obedient slaves.

We, Soviet women, who have lived through the invasion of fascist brigands, particularly appreciate the selfless struggle waged by the Korean people and the courageous Korean Women for the honour, freedom and independence of their homeland.

With indignation we learn every day of new inhuman bombings of Korean towns and villages by the American air-force, of the destruction of schools, hospitals, and libraries, of the annihilation of thousands of women, children and old folk.. We Believe that no honest man, irrespective of his nation, religion or political party can remain silent in face of these atrocities perpetrated by the American invader in Korea.

We believe that the Security Council can and must take measures in order to immediately discontinue the intervention of American imperialists into Korean internal affairs; put an end to the inhuman barbarous bombings by American aviation of towns and villages of Korea entailing the wholesale extermination of the Korean population; withdraw American and all foreign troops from Korea to enable the Korean

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people to decide their affairs for themselves.

On behalf of the Presidium of the Anti-Fasist Committee of Soviet women, Chairman Popova.

Telegram to the Security Council from the Secretariat of
the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

On August 22 the Secretariat of the World Federation of Democratic Youth sent the following telegram to Y.A. Malik, chairman of the United Nations Security Council.

"On behalf of 70 million young boys and girls of the whole universe the World Federation of Democratic Youth indignantly condemns American imperialist aggression in Korea and the barbaric bombings from air and sea to which they are subjecting the civilian population.

"Expressing the ardent desire of the youth of the world, we demand the immediate cessation of military operations in Korea and the withdrawal of foreign troops. The WFDY has joined its voice to that of the peoples and all progressive organisations which demand the immediate peaceful settlement of the Korean question".

Addressing itself to member organisations of the WFDY, the Secretariat declares that the WFDY "fully supports the statement of the Bureau of the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress addressed to the United Nations Security Council and to all governments demanding the peaceful settlement of the military conflict, withdrawal of all foreign troops and that representatives of both interested parties be given a hearing in the Security Council with the participation of the representatives of the five great powers.

"In the name of 70 million young boys and girls of the whole universe, the Secretariat of the WFDY indignantly protests against the barbaric bombings of the civilian population of Korea by American aviation. It calls upon all member organisations of the WFDY to energetically declare that they resolutely condemn these criminal actions of the American imperialists, and to immediately appeal to the United Nations Security Council demanding that foreign intervention in Korea be stopped, and that the Security Council get down to the peaceful settlement of the Korean conflict.

"The Secretariat of the WFDY once more confirms its complete solidarity with the brave Korean youth who, together with all the people of Korea, are heroically fighting against the American aggressors who are violating the United Nations Charter and intervening in the internal affairs of the Korean people".

APPEAL OF THE PATRIARCH AND SYNOD OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH Tass"

The Patriarch and Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church sent the following message to the United Nations Security Council.

United Nations Security Council, Lake Success, New York.

Message of Alexius, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and of the Holy Synod under him.

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Taking to heart the bloody events which are taking place in Korea the people of which live through the horrors of a sanguinary war, when whole villages are being swept off the face of the earth by savage bombings, when towns with their hospitals and schools are being destroyed by bombs and deadly weapons, when the moans of dying defenceless children, mothers and old peoples are heard, when their blood cries to the sky, the Russian Orthodox Church, represented by me and the Holy Synod, cannot remain indifferent to the sufferings of the Korean people and raises its voice in defence of truth. It cannot help expressing compassion for the suffering country and is protesting against American aggression in Korea.

It is clear to the entire world that the United States of America has intervened in the internal affairs of the Korean people, and its leaders are ever more expanding their military operations and strive to involve into these operations against Korea other states too.

The Russian Orthodox Church resolutely condemns this intervention and inhuman destruction by American aircraft of the peaceful Korean population. It insistently appeals, in the name of Christ, the Saviour of the world, to discontinue the violence and bombings, to withdraw the foreign troops from Korea and to discontinue the unlawful war altogether.

Preserving the faith in the strength and efficiency of the United Nations Organization which is called upon to safeguard peace among nations, the Russian Orthodox Church expressing profound grief over the events in Korea appeals to the Security Council as to the Central Organ of international peace with an ardent request to take all measures for the immediate peaceful settlement of the present situation.

Alexius, Patriarch of Moscow and
All Russia.

Members of the Holy Synod:

Nicholas, Metropolitan of Krutitsy
and Kolomna,

Ioann, Metropolitan of Kiev and Galich, Ex-Arch of the Ukraine.

Gregori, Metropolitan of Leningrad
and Novgorod.

Kornilius, Archbishop of Gorky and
Arzamas.

Ioann, Archbishop of Molotov and
Solikamsk, Pankratius, Bishop of
Volyn and Rovno.

August 21, 1950.

HUNGARIAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS IN DEFENCE OF PEACE

(Letter from Budapest)

By F. Potemkin

An all-Hungarian conference of priests of the Roman Catholic church who are peace supporters was held in Budapest on August 1.

It is a known fact that on orders from the Vatican the higher Hungarian clergy adopted a sharply hostile attitude toward the collection

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of signatures to the Stockholm Appeal in defence of peace. The Hungarian bishops categorically forbade servants of the Catholic church to sign the Stockholm Appeal. They came down on those priests and monks who endeavoured to join the peace movement with all kinds of threats, up to and including threats of removal from their posts and excommunication.

The clerical reaction thought by its hostile pronouncements to sow confusion among the masses of faithful Catholics and keep them away from the peace movement.

The princes of the church, however, severely miscalculated: by their dishonest activities they have isolated themselves from the masses of faithful Catholics.

In a country with a population of 9,300,000 the Stockholm Appeal was signed by seven and a half million people. When a campaign was launched to collect funds to send a hospital to the Korean people, who are fighting selflessly against the American imperialists, some 14 million forints was collected within just a few days.

At factories and mills and in the countryside the working people of Hungary are taking as a means of strengthening peace, labour pledges to increase output, raise labour productivity and fulfill deliveries of agricultural produce to the state ahead of schedule.

The unanimity with which the Hungarian people, including faithful Catholics, have come out in defence of peace, against the imperialist warmakers, produced a profound impression on rank-and-file Catholic priests and monks. Despite the threats of the bishops many of them began to take a bolder part in the peace movement together with all the people.

The conference in Budapest was attended by 400 priests and monks from all parts of the country.

The main address at the conference was made by Doctor Horvat Richard, a monk of the Distoruth Order, in which he declared:

"We are gathered together at this conference to declare that there must be a change in the behaviour of our church toward the government. We must emerge from the cul-de-sac into which we have been led by certain high-placed churchmen. In their desire for a return of the old regime they have pursued a fatal policy. And progressive movement among the priests was crushed. An end must be put to views that hold that a real priest is one who shares reactionary political principles.

"We cannot look upon the destiny of our people from the viewpoint of the interests of American imperialism. We look with distrust upon the statements made by Vatican representatives and in certain concrete cases reject them because they do not correspond either to the truth or to the interests of our people.

"If official Catholic circles and the Vatican are inclined to accept as good only reactionary regimes, for us this is not obligatory. Our place is together with our people, who are building a happy future on the path to Socialism.

"We must not only propagandize peace but actively fight for peace. We must take part in the work of the peace committees, expose and brand the instigators of war and those responsible for war, and condemn all speculation with the atom bomb".

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More than twenty priests and monks spoke on points raised in Horvat Rihard's address. They declared that from the bottom of their hearts they desired agreement between the church and government, that they want to work together with the people, help them to build Socialism and fight for peace.

The conference adopted a resolution stating that its participants unanimously subscribe to the Stockholm Appeal in defence of peace and call on all priests who have not yet signed it to consider signing the Appeal their Catholic duty.

Those present at the conference, says the resolution, condemn the imperialist war instigators and military interventions that are aimed at crushing the struggle of the colonial and dependent peoples for their freedom and independence. In the name of true Christian humanism they protest against the propaganda and use of the atomic weapon, against the bombing of defenceless cities and villages in Korea.

The conference took a decision to set up an all-Hungarian peace committee of Catholic priests, and fifteen priests and monks were elected members of this committee.

The all-Hungarian peace conference of priests of the Roman Catholic church was an important political event in the country's life. It showed that a considerable number of the priests in the Catholic church wish as soon as possible to bring about agreement between the People's Republic and the Catholic church in a spirit of support of the regime of People's Democracy and the strengthening of peace.

The conference showed that the reactionary, antipopular policy of the princes of the Hungarian church has failed.

LIDICE--PHENTHEK

Several weeks ago the small flourishing Korean town of Phenthek was still leading a peaceful life of labour. Wisps of smoke curled up from the chimneys of family hearths: children played in the gardens. Today it has been wiped off the face of the earth, turned into a heap of rubble with a thick layer of ashes covering it like a shroud. It is not an earthquake or an avalanche that was to blame! The maddened American interventionists hurled hundreds of bombs on peaceful Phenthek. Dividing the entire town into squares with fiendish accuracy, they subjected it to a bombing that lasted eight hours, although there was not a single military target in Phenthek. After a number of repeat raids the word "Phenthek" was registered in the annals of history in gunpowder and blood, taking its place beside the Spanish Guernica and the Czech Lidice! The American interventionists have not only equaled the Hitlerite executioners in the fine points of cold-blooded villainy but have surpassed them. We do not doubt that when the tribunal tries the transpacific SS men a handful of ashes from Phenthek will be presented as another item of material evidence!

How was this blind rage to be explained, this unending paroxysm of fury with which the American aggressors are attacking the peaceful freedom-loving and heroic Korean people? In war these fiends see their most profitable business. Internationally-intertwined capital, Lenin

pointed out, does splendid business in armaments and wars. In war they seek a "way out" of the crisis that dogs their every step. In their ears the rattle of machine-gun bursts synchronizes with the click of adding machines in Wall Street offices totalling up the bloody business accounts of war. For all of mankind war is a frightful thing. For the handful of big capital magnates, Lenin emphasized, war is a frightfully profitable thing!

Even a cursory perusal of the reactionary press of the USA is sufficient for one immediately to see how these cannibals are made happy by the roar of guns and the explosion of bombs in Korea, how pleasant they find the smell of burning gunpowder smoke and blood that is carried over for there.

The "Journal of Commerce" joyfully reminds its readers that the Korean events have made it possible to avoid the serious decline in business activity that would have been inevitable this summer. The weekly "Business Week" announces with a sigh of relief that as a result of the war in Korea the handful of billionaires will "not have to worry" any more about a deepening of the crisis inasmuch as "armaments expenditures are rising". "Barrons", mouthpiece of the American stock market men, rejoices at the fact that the Korean events have helped finally to transfer the direction of United States foreign policy from the "incapable hands of the State Department to the hands of the grim men from the Pentagon"--that snake nest of warmongers.

The same ideas are expressed at much greater length and more concretely in the magazine "Die Schtrasse", a magazine published in "Bonn Germany". The columns of this magazine present an eloquent picture of what, in the opinion of industrial magnates, threatens the American interventionists and their submissive slaves in the event of the failure of their bloody plans for unleashing a new war and, consequently, a peaceful settlement of the events in Korea.

"At the very same moment that peace is suddenly established", "Die Schtrasse" declares, "the 12,000 American factories which, according to information from the Armaments and Munitions Administration, are working exclusively for war will close their gates. If peace lasts a little longer, the same fate will overtake about another 30,000 enterprises... Everything will come to a stop because coal, ore and oil feed primarily the Moloch of war. Many spheres of scientific activity will be paralyzed. A whole army of political figures and specialists in military and peacetime professions will find themselves out of work. Peace...would be a greater catastrophe for them than a new world war".

And so, war is a means of ensuring full capacity operation for the entire industry of death, is a source of uninterrupted enrichment for the atom and gun kings, is an opportunity completely to subordinate the whole of United States foreign and domestic policy to the power of bloody cash, even if attaining this end involves cutting the veins of all mankind! That is why the transoceanic aggressors are so stubbornly hindering the establishment of peace in Korea, which they regard as a "bridgehead" from which they will succeed in pushing the whole world into the abyss of a new world catastrophe!

There is yet another motive of no little importance explaining the infuriation of the interventionists in Korea: in the army of that

heroic people they see an army fighting not only for the freedom and unity of its native land but also for the triumph of peace throughout the world. Each of its gun salvos is a salvo in defence of peace! Over each inch of native soil which it liberates flies not the pirate flag of aggression but the radiant banner of the champions of peace. In each battle slogan with which the soldiers of the Korean people storm the positions of the Truman-MacArthur mercenaries there rings out, as from the trumpeter's bugle, the invincible and indestructible word "peace!" That is why the interventionists look upon the small town of Phentek, a tiny spot on the map, not only as a place on whose destruction tons of metal and explosives may be profitably expended but also as a small fortress that has to be wiped off the face of the earth because it is inhabited by people who are fighting for peace.

The events which the transoceanic aggressors have unleashed in Korea have brought them reverses not only on the battlefield. The deafening explosions of the bombs with which the American cannibals wiped Phentek off the face of the earth have had a powerful echo in all parts of the world. Like the bell of legend, this echo tolls for those who have perished and exhorts the living, awakening in them a storm of indignation!

The peoples of the world pillory the American warmongers. All honest men and women throughout the world demand that United States aggression be paralyzed, that a stop be put to the brutal bombing of the peaceful population and that the interventionist troops be removed from Korea. Chairman of the Security Council Y.A. Malik and the General Secretary of the United Nations are receiving more and more new proposals from those who crave the preservation and consolidation of peace in all parts of the globe. The World Federation of Trade Unions demands that the population of Korea immediately be protected against air raids and also against any threat of the atom bomb being used. The Government of Czechoslovakia protests against the deliberate inaction of the Security Council which, because of the stand taken by the "Americanized majority", has not yet done anything to condemn the USA as the aggressor and to put an end to the sufferings of the Korean people. The Central Council of Trade Unions of the USSR has sent a telegram insisting on behalf of the working people of the USSR that the Security Council condemn the United States aggression in Korea, that the brutal bombing of Korean towns and villages by the American airforce be stopped, and that decisions also be adopted for the immediate cessation of the American intervention in Korea and the withdrawal of all foreign troops.

Put an end to the cynical game which Wall Street is playing in the United Nations, endeavouring to counteract the will of the peoples! Hands off Korea! Such is the unanimous slogan coming from millions of mouths, the slogan with which the fight for peace is now developing on an ever broader scale.

New millions of men and women are now joining the ranks of the peace defenders because they have been shaken to the depths by the behaviour of the imperialist brigands in Korea.

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Just recently the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress published a communique announcing that six hundred million people, comprising about a quarter of all mankind, had signed the Appeal. Since then, during the past few days, reports are coming in showing that the figure indicated in the communique is growing steadily.

The war in Korea, like the entire aggressive policy of the American imperialists, opens the eyes of the common people of the world to the actual state of affairs. It is no accident that of the more than 14 million signatures collected in Italy over ten and a half million were affixed to the Appeal after the beginning of the American intervention in Korea.

The more brutal the Yankee imperialists become in Korea, the more furious and frank their preparations for a new war, the more shameless their attempts to subordinate the peoples of the countries they are colonizing--the stronger becomes the peace camp, the mightier and more numerous becomes this irresistible movement of our day.

Just as the Czech town of Lidice has become in the memory of the peoples a symbol of the inhumanity of the German fascists, the levelled Korean town of Phenthek is becoming in our minds a symbol of the atrocities committed by the American murderers.

Everybody knows the fate of the Lidice butchers. The peace-loving peoples of the world remind the American aggressors of this.

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